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# Dranesville Dispatch

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**Dranesville District Supervisor**

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the latest issue of the Dranesville Dispatch. Hopefully the surprise snow of this past weekend is not an early indicator of a rough winter. I am very pleased with the progress VDOT made last year with the snow removal process but I doubt that any of us are looking forward to putting them to the test again this winter.

In this issue, we report on a great deal of activity on a number of transportation improvements in Dranesville. I have provided a list of projects that were recently completed and those currently in progress. Also, I am pleased to report that VDOT's temporary repairs to the damaged bridges on Beach Mill and Towlston Road will be completed soon.

This newsletter includes an article on a very informative and well-attended community forum on accessibility issues for aging seniors and people living with disabilities. We need to improve and expand senior services as our population ages. We are working with communities across the District on this important topic and I encourage you to contact us and get involved in this effort.

Also inside is an update on the Falls Church Water issue and an article about the Langley Fork Park Master Planning process. A public meeting was held on October 13 to brief residents and gather suggestions for future development.

We have many community leaders and great civic and faith-based groups in Dranesville and it is always a pleasure to recognize their accomplishments. Please take a few minutes to review this newsletter to see what they are doing and for news, information on up-coming special events, and updates on projects in the District. If you see something that we are doing and you want to get involved, please let us know.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on issues affecting you and your communities. It is a privilege to serve you and I thank you for the opportunity.

Best wishes,

John W. Foust  
Dranesville District Supervisor

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## Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's scheduler, Dianne Peikin, at 703-356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at [Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your latest information.

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For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at  
[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff\\_assignments\\_by\\_subject\\_new.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm).

## Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

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### **Beach Mill Road and Towlston Road Bridges: Flood Damage Repairs Ongoing**

Efforts continue to rebuild the Beach Mill Road Bridge over Nichols Branch and the Towlston Road Bridge over Rocky Run. Both bridges were destroyed by the heavy rains and floods and are scheduled to be replaced by temporary structures in early to mid-November.

The Towlston Road bridge replacement, consisting of a temporary pipe culvert, is scheduled to reopen before November 7. Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will begin planning a permanent Towlston bridge soon, with construction scheduled for 2012. The temporary Beach Mill Bridge, comprised of two cement box culverts, is scheduled to be completed before November 14 and will remain in place until the permanent bridge can be constructed in the summer of 2012.

Also in and around Dranesville, repairs to Walker Road, where pavement was destroyed by flooding, were completed on October 6, and repairs to the Hunter Mill Road Bridge were made and the road was reopened to traffic on October 4.

### **Falls Church Water Issue to Come Back Before Board of Supervisors November 1, 2011**

The water rates charged by the City of Falls Church are a source of ongoing concern for the approximately 100,000 customers who reside or have businesses in Fairfax County and for the Board of Supervisors.

In April, shortly after the Falls Church City Council proposed to increase its retail water rates by 30% over 5 years, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed the Consumer Protection Commission (CPC), with support from the Department of Cable and Consumer Service, to undertake a comprehensive review of the City's water rate-making actions.

The CPC report was discussed at the September 27 meeting of the Supervisors. After discussion, the Board voted to endorse the recommendations of the CPC and directed staff to return to the Board with recommendations on how the Board can implement them.

At the October 18 Board meeting, staff presented a proposed ordinance to implement the recommendations of the CPC. After discussion, the Board voted to bring the ordinance back before the Board on November 1 for a vote on advertising the ordinance and setting a public hearing to be held at 4:00 p.m. at the December 6 Board meeting.

The ordinance, if passed, will set the rates charged to

Fairfax County residents by Falls Church Water at the level charged by Fairfax Water, unless the City can demonstrate that its costs justify a higher rate. The ordinance also would make Fairfax Water the exclusive water provider in Fairfax County for expansions unless it is impractical for Fairfax Water to service a new area.

Supervisor Foust supports the ordinance. However, there was discussion by other Supervisors about the possible unintended consequences of adopting the ordinance. Several Supervisors suggested staff discuss the potential impact of the ordinance on property owners and municipalities other than Falls Church. (Vienna, Fairfax City and Herndon each have water systems that service some Fairfax County residents.)

Since the October 18 meeting, County and Fairfax Water staff have been meeting with the individual Supervisors, municipalities and property owners to discuss and address their concerns.

Any action the Board takes will require agreement by a majority of the Supervisors. Delays may result if the City of Falls Church challenges the County's authority to fix the rates paid by its Fairfax County customers.

There is a lot of support on the Board for solving the water rate issues, and Supervisor Foust is confident the Board will adopt an ordinance that protects County residents.



## New Beltway Bridge Over Route 123 Opens

Motorists along northbound Rt. 123 (Chain Bridge Road) in Tysons will have an early holiday gift. HOT Lanes has completed construction work on the new I-495 bridge over Rt. 123 at Beltway Exit 46 in Tysons, and have shifted traffic onto the new bridge. This shift permits the reopening of the Rt. 123 north on-ramp to the Beltway and the removal of the left turn lanes and the corresponding traffic signal.

Also restored are the left lanes on Route 123 in both directions at I-495, bringing the roadway back to full capacity (three through traffic lanes) as well as a reconfigured ramp from I-495 north to Exit 46A, Route 123 south. This ramp will be one lane with the merge lane restored on Route 123 and the traffic signal removed.

For more detailed information please visit the Virginia Mega Project website at <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/news/current-alerts/relief-in-sight-for-route-123-in-tysons-corner/>.

## HOT Lanes Community Grants Still Available

Since its inception in 2009, The Transurban/Fluor Capital Beltway Community Grant Program has awarded 10 grants worth more than \$27,000 to various McLean civic and neighborhood groups. The diverse grant recipients include among others:

- Pimmit Hills Citizen Association: rainwater and rain barrel conservation programs
- McLean Pedestrian Task Force: gateway signage
- Green McLean: web site design
- McLean Hamlet Citizen Association: landscaping enhancement
- McLean Project for the Arts: Artfest
- Longfellow Middle School: sustainable garden

Transurban and Fluor companies are working in partnership with VDOT to deliver the Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes in Northern Virginia.

Grant applications are accepted and reviewed quarterly but funding for the program will end with completion of the HOT Lanes project in 2012.

If your neighborhood or community group would like more information about participating in the grant program, please contact Supervisor Foust staff member Cheryl Patten at (703) 356-0551 or email [Cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov). The grant program website can be found at <http://virginiahotlanes.com/grants/>.

## Transportation Projects Completed

Over the past several years, Dranesville residents have seen the completion of a number of transportation projects that improve safety and lessen the impact of the high volume of traffic in our area. Supervisor Foust has initiated and identified the funding for the majority of these projects. Here are some of the more recently completed projects:

### Georgetown Pike

Installation of flashing beacon signal east of Swinks Mill.

### Great Falls Street and Haycock Road

Addition of pedestrian signals and upgrade curb ramps on east leg Great Falls Street from Grande Lane to Haycock Road

### Old Dominion Drive and Spring Hill Road

Installation of pavement markings to clarify turn routes and discourage through traffic on turn lanes

### Dolley Madison Blvd and Waverly Way

Extended east bound left-turn lane from Dolley Madison onto Waverly

### Westmoreland Road and Poole Lane

Improved crosswalk signage

### Westmoreland Road and Rosemont Drive

Improved crosswalk signage and striping

### Westmoreland Road

Installation of a sidewalk between Temple Rodef Shalom and Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian Church.

## Transportation Projects in Progress

There are many more projects proceeding forward. Several projects for which Supervisor Foust was able to acquire funding or promote on behalf of Dranesville residents are listed below. Some of these projects will require land acquisition and/or community approval before moving forward.

<u>Project Location and Description</u>	<u>Estimated Completion</u>
<b>Birch Street:</b> Install sidewalk on northwest side of street between Grove Avenue and Falls Church City line.	<b>Oct 2013</b>
<b>Chain Bridge Road and Tennyson Drive:</b> Install pedestrian crossing lights at all four corners of the intersection.	<b>Apr 2012</b>
<b>Colvin Run Road and Leesburg Pike:</b> Add signalized pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection. Extend turn lane. Add retaining wall.	<b>Aug 2012</b>
<b>Dead Run Drive:</b> Install sidewalk on south side between Carper Street (west intersection) and Congress Lane.	<b>Oct 2013</b>
<b>Dolley Madison Blvd and Churchill Road:</b> Add pedestrian signals and upgrade curb ramps on south and east legs.	<b>Apr 2012</b>
<b>Dolley Madison Blvd:</b> Install a sidewalk on the south side of the street between Great Falls Street and Anderson Road. Install crosswalk on south leg of intersection at Rt. 123 and Great Falls Street.	<b>2013 or later</b>
<b>Georgetown Pike and Balls Hill Road:</b> Add crosswalks, pedestrian signals and curb ramps on north and east legs.	<b>Nov 2011</b>
<b>Leesburg Pike and Lewinsville Road:</b> Install pedestrian signals, curb ramps and crosswalks on north and east Legs.	<b>Jun 2012</b>
<b>Lewinsville Road:</b> Install sidewalk between Altamira and Woodside Drive.	<b>Apr 2012</b>
<b>Lewinsville Road:</b> Install sidewalk between Snow Meadow Lane and Elsinore Avenue.	<b>Apr 2013</b>

## Transportation Projects in Progress (Continued)

<b>Lewinsville Road:</b> Install safety median, traffic signal with pedestrian features and crosswalks at Spring Hill Elementary School and Spring Hill RecCenter.	<b>Nov 2012</b>
<b>Lewinsville Road:</b> Install sidewalk between Scotts Run Road and Windy Hill Road.	<b>Nov 2012</b>
<b>McLean Central Business District:</b> Underground utilities in vicinity of intersection of Old Dominion and Chain Bridge Road.	<b>Dec 2012</b>
<b>Old Dominion and Whittier Avenue:</b> Install pedestrian signals, curb ramps and crosswalks on all four corners.	<b>Mar 2012</b>
<b>Powhatan Street:</b> Install sidewalk between Orland and Overbrook Street.	<b>Nov 2012</b>
<b>Raymond Avenue:</b> Install sidewalk on Raymond Avenue approaching Churchill Road.	<b>Nov 2012</b>
<b>Springvale Road/Baron Cameron and Leesburg Pike:</b> Install pedestrian signals, curb ramps and crosswalks.	<b>Nov 2012</b>
<b>Spring Hill Road:</b> Install walkway along west side of Spring Hill Road from Lewinsville Road to Summerwood Drive.	<b>Nov 2011</b>
<b>Spring Hill Road:</b> Install walkway along east side of Spring Hill Road south of Old Dominion Drive to Pettit Court.	<b>Nov 2011</b>
<b>Towlston Road at Leesburg Pike:</b> Add left turn lane on north bound Towlston to west bound Leesburg Pike.	<b>Mar 2013</b>
<b>Trap Road Pedestrian Bridge over Dulles Toll Road:</b> Build new pedestrian bridge parallel to existing traffic bridge on Trapp Road over the Toll Road.	<b>Nov 2012</b>
<b>Turner Avenue:</b> Install walkway from Williamsburg Pond Ct. to Haycock Rd.	<b>Dec 2013</b>
<b>Walker Road and Georgetown Pike:</b> Modify traffic patterns using striping or cement barriers. Add right turn and left turn lanes into shopping centers on west and east side of Walker Road. Add crosswalk connecting shopping centers. Add right turn lane into Columbine Street from south bound Walker and left lane from north bound Walker onto Georgetown Pike.	<b>Oct 2012</b>
<b>Westmoreland Street and Bonheim Court:</b> Install raised pedestrian refuge median on Westmoreland in the middle of the existing crosswalk. Revamp crosswalk with new signs and striping. Install two ADA curb cuts. Restrict some on-street parking.	<b>Nov 2011</b>
<b>Westmoreland Street and Lemon Road:</b> Move crosswalk to improve site distance. Install curb ramps, new striping and new signage.	<b>Nov 2011</b>
<b>Westmoreland Street and Southridge Drive:</b> Install raised pedestrian refuge median on Westmoreland in the middle of the existing crosswalk. Revamp crosswalk with new signs and striping. Install two ADA curb cuts.	<b>Nov 2011</b>
<b>Westmoreland Street and Old Chesterbrook Road:</b> Realign intersection to slow turns by making north east corner a right angle, revamp crosswalks.	<b>Summer 2013</b>
<b>Westmoreland Street and Sea Cliff Road:</b> Brighter crosswalk markings spanning Sea Cliff Road at entrance to McLean High School.	<b>Nov 2011</b>
<b>Westmoreland Street and Dillon Street and Sea Cliff Road:</b> Extend box culvert north of McLean HS at location of roadside ditch, install new sidewalk along east side of Westmoreland halfway to Dillon Street. Revamp crosswalks. Revamp existing crosswalks to have bold striping and ADA curb cuts across Westmoreland to the Sea Cliff Road McLean High School entrance.	<b>Summer 2013</b>
<b>Westmoreland Street and Haycock Road:</b> Add right turn lane and pedestrian improvements to south bound Westmoreland Street	<b>Sep 2013</b>



## Langley Fork Park Master Plan Process Begins

Supervisor John Foust and staff from the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) hosted a public meeting on October 13 to initiate the start of the Master Plan Revision process for Langley Fork Park. The meeting was to acquaint residents with the current Master Plan, originally written in 1980, and to solicit public suggestions for future development. Fairfax County has leased the land since 1980 and has managed the athletic fields and trail network located there.

An equitable land exchange between National Park Service (NPS) and Fairfax County Park Authority is currently being negotiated, whereby the Park Authority is attempting to acquire ownership of Langley Fork Park from NPS in exchange for an equally-valued portion of land. Negotiations are nearing completion for the land transfer to occur by the end of 2012. Once the transfer is complete, the County will be able to proceed with development for the site.

An Environmental Assessment will be conducted since the plan involves the transfer of federal land. The County will also conduct a cultural resource and archeological survey of the property as part of the planning process. Questions from the residents in attendance focused on the potential development of additional synthetic turf athletic fields, expanded parking and comments from surrounding neighbors.

There will be additional public meetings as the Master Plan process proceeds and residents are encouraged to participate either in person or by following the process online. Additional information can be found on the Park Authority web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/langleyfork.htm>.

## 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey Results Are Now Available Online

Results of the 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey are now available to the public on the Fairfax County website. The survey was conducted in the fall of 2010 and resulted in valid responses from 30,399 students in eighth, tenth and twelfth grades. A separate survey was administered to sixth graders and resulted in 11,049 valid responses. Both reports can be found online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey).

This is the 6th year for this comprehensive, anonymous and voluntary survey, conducted to assess risk and protective factors and various health behaviors that influence the health and well-being of our County's youth. Survey results are used to help identify areas of need and future programming for teen and families. The survey is administered jointly by Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.

Fairfax County Public Schools will hold events in local high schools in spring 2012 to present results specific to each school pyramid.

For more information contact Sophia Dutton, with the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, at (703) 324-5134.

## Great Falls and McLean Residents Celebrate Historic Georgetown Pike with Dedication of Stone Monument Markers

On October 29 area residents and elected officials gathered to celebrate Georgetown Pike, Virginia's first Historic and Scenic Byway. The location of the ceremony, at Seneca Road and Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, is near the site of one of four Stone Monument Markers recently installed, declaring the Pike's historical significance.

The ceremony included a range of speakers who addressed the recent successful and collaborative efforts between Great Falls Citizens Association, McLean Citizens Association, elected officials and Virginia Department of Transportation to preserve this historic resource in its current state. These groups recently worked together to reverse plans to widen the Pike on its western end and install dual turn lanes from Route 7 onto Georgetown Pike as part of the Route 7 widening project.

"We can all be proud about the non-partisan collaborative process that brought us to this point," said Supervisor Foust. "The four monument markers are a beautiful and lasting tribute to this special road."



*(Left to right) Jackie Taylor, President of Great Falls Citizens Association, State Senator Janet Howell, Rob Jackson, President of McLean Citizens Association, Chairman of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova, Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, Former Delegate Margi Vanderhye and Joan Barnes, Co-Chair of the Great Falls Citizens Association Transportation Committee.*

## Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study Advisory Group Findings Presented at October 4 Meeting

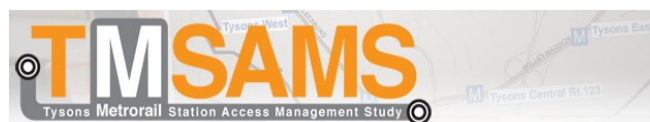
The Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS) Advisory Group shared the findings of the TMSAMS project at a well-attended meeting held on October 4.

TMSAMS was formed and directed to collect the public's input on planned transportation improvements to allow access by pedestrians, bicyclists and bus service to the new Silver Line Metrorail Stations in Tysons Corner. The public input portion of the study included 4 public meetings, 21 stakeholder meetings, and online survey responses from almost 1,900 people. The October 4 meeting provided attendees with the opportunity to hear the study results and to ask questions of County staff on issues concerning access to the future stations.

The presentation given at the public meeting is available at <http://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/tmsams-final-public-meeting-presentation-10-042011>.

The complete results of the TMSAMS task force will be available online in the very near future.

For more information contact Kris Morley-Nikfar at [Kris.Morley-Nikfar@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kris.Morley-Nikfar@fairfaxcounty.gov) or (703) 877-5672.





## October 15 Community Forum a Success

### *McLean: Creating a Supportive Community For All Ages*

On Saturday, October 15 over 100 local residents and volunteers gathered on a beautiful fall afternoon to begin a dialogue with McLean area residents on the issues of aging and accessibility in their community. The objective of the community forum entitled “ McLean: Creating a Supportive Community For All Ages” was to help make McLean more accessible for aging seniors and people living with disabilities. Held in the Capital One Bank Headquarters, the program was moderated by Jerry Hopkins, Chair of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council. Speakers from the community included Ed Shahin, Judy Seiff, and Ron Crawford. Also speaking were representatives from area village movements: Barbara Sullivan of Mount Vernon at Home, Pat Williams from Reston for a Lifetime and Jocelyn Rappaport of Mosby Woods Village. Steve Gurney, Editor and Publisher of the Guide to Retirement Living Sourcebook, also spoke on the village movement concept.

Supervisor Foust is also working with community groups in Great Falls and Herndon to explore concepts and ideas to better meet the needs of seniors in Dranesville. A previous community forum on this subject was held in Great Falls on April 19. A steering committee has been formed in Herndon looking at similar issues.

Supervisor Foust wishes to thank event Co-Sponsors Capital One Bank, McLean Community Center, AARP, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, and the Long Term Care Coordinating Council for all of their efforts.

Anyone who missed attending the forum can watch it online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/vod.htm>. The program will also be broadcast on Channel 16 on Saturday, November 5 at 8:00 p.m. and on Friday November 11 at 8:00 p.m.

Follow up meetings are being planned to take place in the near future. If you are interested in getting involved in the second phase of this initiative, please contact Jennifer Boysko in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at [Jennifer.Boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Boysko@fairfaxcounty.gov).



*Panelists discuss the “Village Movement” at forum.*



## Dranesville Photo Gallery



Herndon High School  
Homecoming Parade  
Saturday, October 22





Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce  
**Non-Profit Forum**  
 October 25  
 Gannett Conference Center



*(Left) Supervisor Foust addresses the Non-Profit Forum.  
 (Above) Dr. Alan Merten, President of George Mason University, Supervisor John Foust, President and CEO of Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Marcia Twomey, Merritt Green, Chairman of the Board Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Carl Hairston, Chair of Non-Profit Forum event and Board Member of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. (Photo credits: William B. Folsom)*

## McLean SPARC Holds Grand Opening at Old McLean Firehouse

October 27 marked the grand opening of the McLean SPARC (Specially Adapted Resource Clubs), located at the Old McLean Firehouse and Teen Center. The SPARC organization provides life-long learning opportunities for adults with life-long disabilities in a club format. SPARC achieves this goal by building a positive team environment, focusing on each club member's unique abilities, supporting members as they continue to pursue their continued learning interests, fostering the self-advocacy and respect of the choices of each club member and by providing opportunities for them to contribute to their community.



*(left to right) Accompanying SPARC club members and their parents/caregivers are ribbon cutters George Sachs, Executive Director of McLean Community Center, Donna Goldbranson, President and Executive Director of SPARC, Marcia Twomey, President and CEO of Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and David Sanders, member of McLean Community Center Governing Board. (Photo credit: Alex McVeigh, Connection Newspapers)*

## Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce's Suits and Sneakers

October 4

Held at Claude Moore Memorial Farm, this event featured the presentation of awards to outstanding representatives from local businesses and our community.



*(Above) John Brough, President Chain Bridge Bank, Suits and Sneakers Event Co-Chair and Board Member of Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, with Supervisor John Foust*

*(Left) Supervisor John Foust, Peggy Fox, WUSA9 Reporter and Winner of Outstanding Community Partner Award for 2011, and McLean Branch Manager of Burke and Herbert, Faraz Siddiqui.*



*(left to right) Back row: MCC Governing Board member Chad Quinn, Supervisor John Foust, Mark Lowham, former Delegate Margi Vanderhye, Amy Swaak.*

*Front row: MCC Governing Board member Jay Howell, MPA President Karen DuVal, School Board member Janie Strauss, Dr. Marilyn Jerome, Nancy Perry.*

## McLean Project for the Art's

### MPAartfest

Sunday, October 2

McLean Central Park

The 5th annual MPAartfest was a big success. It was a great day for participants to view the work of local artists and watch live performances at the park gazebo.





## Recognitions

### Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington Celebrates 60th Anniversary

This year marks the 60th anniversary for the Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington. The origins of this church date back to 1951 when a group of Korean expatriates gathered to pray for an end to the Korean War.

In 1982, the congregation moved to its current location on Swinks Mill Road in McLean. Under the ministry of Rev. Young Jin Cho, the church underwent three building expansions. In 1985 the English Ministry began with Rev. Daniel Shin as pastor. In 2005, Reverend Young Bong Kim was appointed head pastor.

The church is the oldest Korean congregation in the Washington metropolitan area. It offers multiple services for both English and Korean-speaking members and has a satellite campus in Centreville.

On October 9, the Church was presented with a certificate by Supervisor John Foust, on behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, to commemorate this special occasion.



*Supervisor John Foust presents certificate to Lay Leader Ms. Debbie Yang with Senior Pastor Rev. Young Bong Kim.*

### Temple Rodef Shalom Celebrates 50th Anniversary

This year, Temple Rodef Shalom, located in Falls Church, marks its 50th Anniversary. The congregation was founded by 36 families in June 1962 as the first Jewish congregation in Fairfax County. One year later, Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits came to Temple Rodef Shalom as the first rabbi. Today, Temple Rodef Shalom has over 1,500 households and is the largest Jewish congregation in Virginia.

September 16, 2011 marked the kickoff of a year of special events to celebrate their Jubilee year. Among the many special programs planned this year, members have pledged to perform 50,000 mitzvot or moral deeds throughout the year.



*Supervisor Foust presents the certificate to (left to right) Michael Shochet, Senior Cantor, Amy Schwartzman, Senior Rabbi and Barry Holt, President of the Temple.*

In addition to its mission to provide worship, spiritual guidance, Jewish celebrations, and lifecycle support to its members, the Temple believes in helping those in need in the community. It is one of the three founding congregations of the successful Chesterbrook Residences, a mixed-income assisted living facility. It is home to a religious school, preschool, summer camp, and other organizations. It has been involved in hospice care and provides meals to the less advantaged in the community during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Supervisor John Foust presented Temple Rodef Shalom with a certificate on behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, at a special multi-generational event held on October 28.



## McLean Symphony & Music Director Dingwall Fleary Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2011 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year that the McLean Symphony and its Music Director, Maestro Dingwall Fleary, have brought excellent orchestral music to the residents of McLean and throughout Northern Virginia.

In the fall of 1971, the late June and Robert Trayhern, founders and directors of the McLean Academy of Musical Arts, approached conductor Dingwall Fleary about establishing an orchestra in McLean. The primary purpose was to create a local ensemble with which their advanced students could perform. Their combined efforts resulted in the formation of the all-volunteer McLean Chamber Orchestra.

Since its inception, the orchestra has had a tradition of performing American works with a special emphasis on local, living composers as well as new music from around the world. The orchestra has premiered nearly 50 new works.

Supervisor John Foust will present a certificate on behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, honoring the occasion of this anniversary at the Symphony's holiday concert on December 11.

### Herndon Residents, George and Laura Price, Receive Rotary Club of Herndon's "Citizen of the Year" Award

Congratulations to George and Laura Price of Herndon, winners of the 46th Annual Citizen of the Year Award. The awards were presented by the Rotary Club of Herndon at a ceremony on October 19.

George and Laura Price are long time dedicated volunteers in the Herndon community. Both volunteer for the Parks and Recreation department's Friday Night Live event. Other groups that have benefitted from the efforts of the Prices include the Business and Professional Women, Herndon Optimist Club, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Herndon Fortnightly Club and Herndon Women's Club.



*George and Laura Price.*

### Langley High School Golf Team Wins Virginia State Championship

Congratulations to the members of the Langley High School Golf Team for winning the Virginia AAA State Championship. The Saxons clinched the title at the Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton on October 11, finishing nine strokes ahead of Northern Region rival Chantilly. The team won the 2011 triple crown of high school golf by winning the district, regional and state tournaments.

The team, their coach and school officials will be recognized by Supervisor Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at the November 1 meeting of the Board.

## Announcements

### Natural Discover Series Comes to Runnymede Park “Rambles in Runnymede”

The Friends of Runnymede Park are launching a new natural discovery series called “Rambles in Runnymede”. This new program is designed to help area residents and families become more familiar with Runnymede Park.

Each ramble meeting will begin with a 20-minute introduction to a topic about the wonder and beauty of the park, conducted by a trained naturalist. The participants will then undertake a self-guided ramble with suggestions for things to look and listen for, along with various activities related to the topic of the day. A brief sharing of everyone’s discoveries and experiences will conclude the outing. No registration is needed.

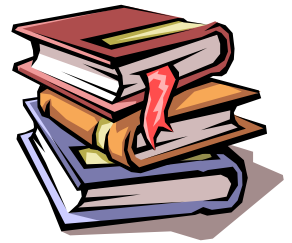
**Sunday, November 13  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Runnymede Park  
Herndon Parkway**

*Meet at the picnic shelter closest to the parking lot.  
For ages 8 and Up  
Dress for the weather and bring a camera.*

For more information contact Carol Hadlock at (703) 437-7451 or email [carol\\_inawren@verizon.net](mailto:carol_inawren@verizon.net).

### Dranesville Libraries Sponsor Events for All Ages

Take advantage of the great events at Dranesville’s four libraries this fall. At the beautiful, newly renovated Dolley Madison Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue in McLean, young children will delight in stories and activities while adults can participate in a book discussion group or listen to A. Scott Wood’s lecture on Brass Bands and the Civil War. And just in time for Thanksgiving staff from Riverbend Park will present a program featuring Virginia’s own wild turkeys and other plants and animals that are part of the holiday tradition.



Great Falls Library at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls offers preschool story times and *Getting Ready for Hibernation*, a chance for our youngest residents to meet and learn about the winter nap time of one of our animal neighbors. Adults are invited to participate in two book discussion groups. And the Herndon Fortnightly Library at 768 Center Street in Herndon presents stories, songs and rhymes to enrich early literacy development.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, located at 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church provides multi-media programs including internet and e-book classes and *Friday Flicks*, a regular series of family friendly movies. Book discussions for adults, children story hours and a class about forming an investment group are just a few of the many diverse activities available to library patrons.

Dates and times for these and other activities are available on the Fairfax County Library website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library>.

## Celebrate McLean WinterFest Coming Soon

November is here and December is just around the corner. Get ready for McLean WinterFest, a weekend of festivities to officially welcome winter to McLean.

The weekend of fun begins on Friday, December 2 with the lighting of the Holiday Tree. Saturday morning brings the annual Reindog Pageant at 8:00 a.m. On Sunday afternoon you can cap off the weekend with some live entertainment and refreshments prior to the start of the WinterFest Parade at 4:00 p.m. Special host Peggy Fox from WUSA/ Channel 9 will once again call the parade of musicians, marchers and floats from the Fairfax County Showmobile.



If you would like to play a more active role, there is still time to join in the WinterFest revels. There is no fee to participate in the parade but groups must register before November 21. Volunteers are also needed to help with logistics and the promotion of Winterfest. To hold a spot in the parade lineup this year or to look for other opportunities to participate, please visit [www.McLeanWinterfest.org](http://www.McLeanWinterfest.org).

WinterFest organizers depend on volunteer support to promote these events. They also rely on the generosity of neighbors and local businesses to help defray the costs planning, publicizing and implementing WinterFest.

To make a contribution or to volunteer, please contact Lynn Gulick at [Lynn.Gulick@cardinalbank.com](mailto:Lynn.Gulick@cardinalbank.com) or Trish Butler at [tbutler@sagecommunications.net](mailto:tbutler@sagecommunications.net).

### McLean Safe Community Coalition Presents “The Challenges & Opportunities for Kids in Our Community: A Conversation with Peggy Fox”

Guest speaker, WUSA Channel 9 News Reporter, Peggy Fox will speak at the fall meeting of McLean Safe Community Coalition (SCC) on the topic “The Challenges & Opportunities for Kids in Our Community”.

**Thursday, November 3  
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Dolley Madison Library  
1244 Oak Ridge Avenue  
McLean, Virginia**



Ms. Fox, a three-time Emmy award winning correspondent, Fairfax County native and long-time resident of McLean will speak about the community through the eyes of a concerned parent, journalist, and as an active participant in our neighborhood.

For more information on this event call the McLean Safe Community Coalition at (703) 795-6943.

# McLean Community Center to Hold Public Meeting on Signage Renovation Project

The Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (MCC), in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Authority, is seeking input from residents of Dranesville Small District One on its Signage Renovation Project — plans to renovate existing and deteriorating directional signs in the vicinity of McLean Central Park and the McLean Community Center. The sign at the intersection of Dolley Madison Blvd. and Old Dominion Drive in McLean Central Park is in particularly bad shape and currently supported by cinder blocks. Renovation plans for this sign include the possible use of an LED screen.

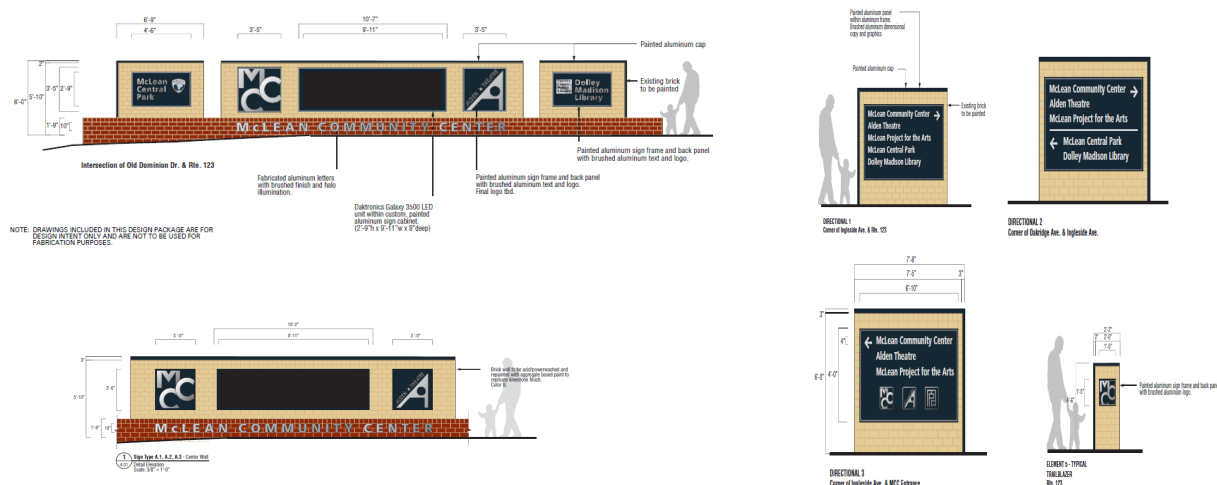
Dranesville Small District One residents are invited to attend a public meeting to see a presentation on the Signage Renovation Project.

**Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**McLean Community Center**  
**1234 Ingleside Avenue**  
**McLean, VA**

Residents who would like to speak at the hearing should call the Center at (703) 790-0123, TTY: 711, to have their names placed on the speakers list. Residents may also make comments at the hearing without prior notice. In addition, comments may be submitted in writing at the Center by close of business November 14. Written comments may also be sent through the “Feedback” link on the homepage of the Center’s website [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org) or may be sent through the mail, postmarked by November 14 and addressed to:

Executive Director  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Ave.  
McLean VA 22101

For more information, call the MCC at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 or visit the Center’s website at [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).



*Proposed McLean Central Park sign, McLean Community Center sign,  
and way-finder signs.*

## Hutchison Holiday Shoe Drive Underway

Supervisor Foust is once again partnering with the Council for the Arts of Herndon to collect shoes for students at Hutchison Elementary School.

The 2011 Holiday Shoe Drive needs new close-toed shoes in sizes between **children 9.5** and **adult 7**. The drive is also collecting gift cards from Kohls, Target or WalMart in denominations of \$10 and \$20.

Locations for shoe or gift-card drop-off are :

**McLean Government Center  
1437 Balls Hill Road  
McLean, VA 22101**

**Old Town Hall  
Office of Supervisor Foust or Office of Council for The Arts  
730 Elden Street  
Herndon, VA 20170**



For more information, contact Jennifer Boysko, in the office of Supervisor Foust, at (703) 471-5076.

## Help Stop Hunger Now: Volunteer Saturday November 5

Join together as a community on Saturday, November 5 to feed children in need around the world.

Stop Hunger Now wants to package over 200,000 meals this Saturday. This effort will require contributions of time and money. Stop Hunger Now would like to raise \$50,000 (25¢ per meal) and gather more than 700 volunteers to make this happen.

Volunteer this Saturday to help prepare the meals:

**8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 2 hour blocks  
Saturday, November 5  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1545 Chain Bridge Rd.  
McLean, Virginia  
(Ages 8 to 80+ welcome)**

Since 1998, Stop Hunger Now has coordinated the distribution of food and other lifesaving aid to children and families in countries all over the world. Stop Hunger Now has provided more than \$70 million dollars worth of direct aid and 34 million meals to 72 countries worldwide

To volunteer, contribute or get more information visit <http://www.stophungernow-mclean.org> or send an email to [info@stophungernow-mclean.com](mailto:info@stophungernow-mclean.com)

## Tour Herndon Homes during the Holiday Season

It is time again for the Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon. Stroll the streets of Herndon and visit some of the beautiful homes, all dressed up for the Holidays.

**Saturday December 3  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tour. They are available at Herndon Florist, 716 Lynn Street Herndon or Artspace, 750 Center Street, Herndon.

For more information call (703) 435-6800 Ext. 2222 or visit [www.facebook.com/holidayhomestour](http://www.facebook.com/holidayhomestour).



## Helpful Information

### Telephone Support Group for Caregivers of Older Adults

Are you a caregiver who would like to join a support group without having to leave home? Get helpful information, share your experiences, and gain emotional support from others on the telephone.

A conference call based Caregivers Support group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Upcoming call topics include:

**November 8: Being appreciated for giving the gift of care**

**December 13: Making the most of the holiday season while caregiving**

To register or for more information visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm) or call 703-324-5484.

### Voter Information Cards Mailed to All Registered Fairfax County Voters *Election Day is Tuesday, November 8*



This year Election Day will be held on Tuesday, November 8. The Fairfax County Office of Elections is in the process of mailing voter information cards to all registered voters. Voters are encouraged to take a few minutes to thoroughly review their voter information card as soon as it arrives and before the November 8 General Election. Due to the recent redistricting, there may be changes in your polling place and/or your state legislative districts and county supervisory district.

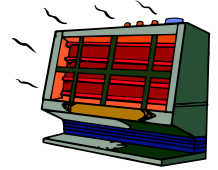
Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution and the Virginia Constitution require redistricting because of population changes and increases. More polling places are often needed, and some voters need to be shifted in order to equalize the number of voters in each district.

**If you haven't receive your voter information card by October 31, contact the Office of Elections at (703) 222-0776, TTY 711.** You may not receive a voter information card if the address is incorrect or if you are not registered to vote.

**To obtain the latest information about your registration status and other voter information, visit the online [Virginia State Board of Elections Election and Registration Information System](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm).**

More information on voting and the General Election on November 8 is available online at the Fairfax County Office of elections website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/>.

## Be Safe When Using Alternate Heating Sources



Now that the fall heating season has arrived, the cooler temperatures cause many of us to seek out alternative sources to heat our home and keep warm. Alternate heating sources are a major contributing factor in residential fires. The following safety tips will help you keep a safe home:

- Keep at least three feet of clearance between your heat source and anything combustible.
- Do not keep or store combustible materials in closed areas or near a heat source.
- Never leave a heater on when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep, and never leave children or pets unattended near heating sources.
- If you use an electric heater, be careful not to overload the electrical circuit.
- Avoid using electrical heaters in bathrooms as they may come in contact with water.
- Only use heaters that have been tested to the latest safety standards and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). These heaters will have the most up-to-date safety features, such as automatic shut-offs. It is important to install and use heaters according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Do not use a range or oven as an alternate heating source. This is a safety hazard and may be a source of toxic fumes.
- Do not use fuel burning appliances without proper room ventilation.
- Never fill a kerosene heater while it is in operation or hot. Avoid overfilling.

For more information on alternative heating safety call Daniel L. Schmidt or Captain Willie F. Bailey, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department at (703) 246-3801, TTY: 711.

## Check Chimneys and Smoke Alarms Now

If your chimney was damaged in the August 2011 earthquake, **it is important to determine if it is safe before using your stove or fireplace this fall and winter.** Broken or cracked chimneys can let heat, smoke and toxic gases such as carbon monoxide into your home. Damaged chimneys can also cause your home to catch fire. Some damage is obvious and some is hidden. Here are some tips to determine if your chimney is damaged:

- Check to see if bricks have fallen or the chimney is leaning.
- Look for shiny areas on your metal chimney pipe. This means the chimney moved during the earthquake.
- Look for cracks at joints where the chimney connects to the firebox, at the roofline and in the attic.
- Check for debris that may have fallen into the fireplace.
- Use a screwdriver to check the mortar between the bricks or stones. If it crumbles when you pick at it, the chimney may be a hazard.
- When in doubt, consult a licensed engineer or contractor. For the name of an inspector, call your insurance or mortgage company.

**Carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors save lives.** If it is possible that you have chimney damage, make sure you install these devices and inspect them regularly. Here are some other tips regarding the installation of carbon monoxide and smoke detectors:

- Consider purchasing combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.
- Install them in sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- Install them away from air vents.
- Interconnected smoke alarms are best because if one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms monthly. Change alkaline batteries at least once a year. Use a date you already know as a reminder, such as your birthday or when you change your clocks.
- Prepare and practice a fire escape route with everyone in your home, including children.